

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The city of Badger was established as a town site in 1906, when it was rumored that the Dakota Central Railroad would establish a line nearby; and,

Whereas, In 1907, the property for the town site was purchased from John Weidenkoph and Fred Marquardt, and named for Lake Badger, which received its name after an incident in 1892 when Richard Franklin Pettigrew and Sven Petersen killed a badger near the lake by kicking it with their boots; and,

Whereas, The city of Badger is located in Kingsbury County where the four corners of Sections 20, 21, 28 and 29 come together; and,

Whereas, Badger grew rapidly and soon had 22 businesses by 1913, with incorporation papers filed on June 19, 1917, and the town board was organized in August 1917; and,

Whereas, Fires in 1925, 1936 and 1956 destroyed many of the businesses located in Badger during those early years; and,

Whereas, The community of Badger has demonstrated a strong community spirit in supporting their "Neat Little Town" and the pride that accompanies reaching their centennial year; and,

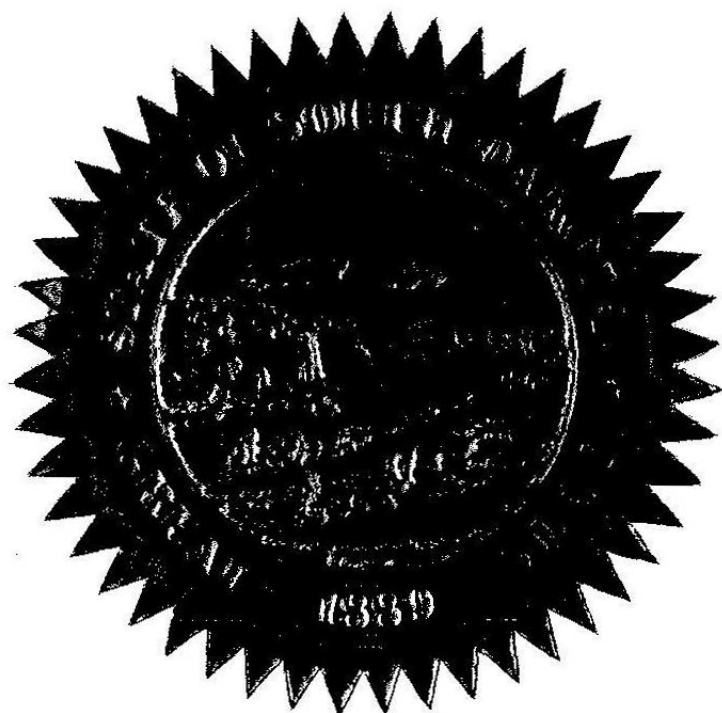
Whereas, On June 29, 30, and July 1, 2007, Badger will celebrate its 100th Anniversary:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 29, 30 and July 1, 2007, as

BADGER CENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State